

# THE OCALA BANNER.

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## Local and Personal

Is it chills or fever? Plank's Chill Tonic is guaranteed to cure. 25c.

The indications are that Secretary Cortelyou will be Mr. Taft's running mate on the republican ticket.

Mr. W. M. Brooks of Tampa is a recent arrival at the Ocala House. He says there is great activity in political circles in the cigar metropolis.

Mr. Murrell and his daughters, Misses Catharine and Ida Murrell, of McIntosh, are spending a few days in Ocala this week.

The ladies of Ocala are fortunate in having such a line of Oxfords to select from as those at the Marion Shoe Company's. They have a big new stock in patent leather and tans.

Mr. S. H. Gaitskill of McIntosh, one of the largest cattle growers in Florida, is visiting Ocala and is a guest of Dr. E. P. Guerrant. He is looking well.

Misses Fay and Lucy Cribbitt, who have been spending several weeks in Ocala with relatives and friends, left Wednesday afternoon for their home at St. Petersburg.

Misses Mamie and Ethel Seymour are home from the LaGrange Female College at LaGrange, Ga., for their vacation. Their many young friends are glad to have them among them again.

Mr. John W. Martin, one of the most popular drummers that makes this "neck o' the woods," was in Ocala yesterday, and says that Albert W. Gilchrist has his opponent far outdistanced in the primary next week.

Capt. Yancey of Lake county, an old Confederate veteran, and a son of the famous William L. Yancey of Alabama, one of the most conspicuous figures in ante-bellum times, is a visitor to Ocala and is a guest of Mr. C. H. Mathews.

Colonel West of Valdosta was among the distinguished arrivals in Ocala Monday. He made speeches for Governor Brown in the late gubernatorial Georgia primary and is very much elated over his very decisive victory.

Colonel Bright, the new proprietor of the Montezuma hotel, is repapering the same and is making many other improvements, some ornamental and other necessary ones. The Montezuma now is enjoying the best reputation it has had in many years.

Dr. A. L. Izlar of this city, who was nominated as one of the presidential electors by the prohibition convention, which was in session in Gainesville Tuesday, has declined the nomination, as he participated in the democratic primary, and feels bound by its pledge to support its nominees.

W. L. Martin of Sparr, Marion county, was in town Tuesday and made the Sun an agreeable call. Mr. Martin is a newspaper man and writes for the Ocala Banner under the nom de plume of "Peter Stanley."—Gainesville Sun.

Dr. J. R. Blackiston was called to Anthony Tuesday to perform a piece of surgery on the pet horse of Mr. J. C. Howell's children, which had run against a wire fence and was badly lacerated. Dr. Blackiston sewed up the wound and thinks that he will save the animal without a scar being left.

Mr. Chambliss attributes his fine cantaloupe crop to his pasturing his cows on the land. His cantaloupes were all large, very sweet and very much in demand. He says also that he has one field of corn that will easily yield thirty bushels to the acre, which when he purchased it would scarcely yield fodder. He advises all our farmers to get the cattle habit if they want to grow good crops.

Mrs. C. L. Livers of Summerfield was a visitor to Ocala Tuesday and was a guest of her mother, Mrs. N. S. Wallace, Ocala's "oldest inhabitant." Mrs. Livers' boys now are all grown and have positions with the Seaboard Air Line Railway and they are anxious to have her live near them, and she is thinking of making her home among the orange groves at Ellenton. She has been living at Summerfield so long, however, that she regrets to leave the old place. Mr. Livers also has a place with the Seaboard at Tampa.

## MRS. CHARLES O. FOX DEAD

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Charles Oliver Fox, which occurred early Tuesday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Willis, at Alexander City, Alabama, will be a great shock to her friends in this city.

Before her marriage to Mr. Fox of this city, Mrs. Fox was Miss Kathleen Willis, a belle of Alexander City, Alabama, and her marriage was a very brilliant event taking place in the Methodist church there on the evening of July the twenty-fourth last year.

At the time of her marriage on the eve of her leaving for Ocala, which was to be her future home, the Alexander City Outlook said of her as follows:

"No bride ever departed from our city who was more universally beloved by the people of all classes—a favorite with young and old—a womanly woman, of sunny temperament, of charming grace and accomplishment—the idol of her legion of friends. At the shrine of her new estate she will worship with constant and loyal devotion and prove an ideal companion to the man who won her."

For the few brief months of their wedded life, Mr. and Mrs. Fox were ideally happy. They made their home with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clyatt, and the friends and acquaintances that Mrs. Fox made in Ocala are very much grieved at her death.

About two months ago Mrs. Fox went to Alabama to spend the summer with her parents. She is survived by her heart-broken young husband, who was with her when she died, and an infant only a few hours old. Mrs. Fox was about twenty-seven years of age and a most attractive young woman.

Mr. Fox, who is the traveling representative of a Jacksonville drug firm, has the sympathy of his many Florida friends in his great affliction.

## AN APPROACHING MARRIAGE OF INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Gillespie Wade have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. William Elliott McArthur, which will be solemnized on the evening of Wednesday, the twenty-fourth of June at eight-thirty o'clock at their home at Montbrook.

Both the bride and groom have friends in this city, who will learn with pleasure of their approaching marriage. Miss Wade is the daughter of Mr. N. G. Wade of the well known turpentine firm of Wade & McNair. Mr. McArthur is also in the turpentine business near Montbrook, being a member of the firm of Wade & McArthur.

The Ocala Banner offers its congratulations and good wishes to Miss Wade and Mr. McArthur. Immediately after their marriage they will go to Asheville to spend a few weeks. They will reside at Montbrook.

## REMARKABLE SUIT SALE BY CHEATHAM-ALDERMAN CO., JACKSONVILLE

In this issue will be found an announcement from the Cheatham-Alderman Company, Jacksonville, twice a year this concern holds a great sale of tailored suits to order for the remarkable price of \$12.50, or two-piece suits for \$12.50, and these sales have become so well known that people all over the state wait for them, and send for samples and order blanks as soon as they see it announced.

The summer sale opened Tuesday morning of this week, and the reports are that it started with a rush with city customers, and twice as many mail orders as usual. Those wishing to take advantage of this wonderful offer from Ocala can write to Cheatham-Alderman Company, Jacksonville, and they will receive a dozen choice samples and order blanks. The suits are made up in the latest styles, just as you want them, strictly to your measure.

## SMITH & ROBERTS PURCHASE INTERESTS IN TAMPA

Messrs. Smith & Roberts, who are among our most enterprising business firms, being large furniture dealers, and also embalmers and funeral directors, have bought out the business interests of Mr. E. E. Cone in Tampa. This is a newly established undertaking and embalming business in that city and Messrs. Smith & Roberts are to be congratulated on having secured the same.

Mr. Roberts will move to Tampa and will have charge of the new business.

Mr. Roberts is very popular here, and his host of personal friends as well as business friends very greatly regret his removal to another city.

Mr. Smith will remain in charge of the Ocala business.

## OCALA CANTALOUPE CROP

### Z. C. Chambliss Shipped Twenty-Six Carloads From That Point

Ocala, June 7.—The cantaloupe season is nearing its end in this vicinity. Those who sold at their packing houses obtained good prices and are feeling jubilant. Those who consigned are still on the anxious bench and are not in such high feather.

Mr. Z. C. Chambliss, of the banking firm of Monroe & Chambliss is an extensive grower, and says that he did better with his cantaloupes this season, and with less trouble than at any time since he has been in the business. Up to yesterday he had sold twenty-six carloads, and had the money in the bank for the same. He says that it takes a great deal of nerve to accept \$1.50 per crate when the market quotations are from \$3 to \$3.50; but this is what he did, and he has no tears to shed over the judgment he displayed.

Mr. Chambliss has a number of small farms and crops on shares. Among others he tells the following story: Less than a year ago a gentleman came into his bank, desiring an interview. The man said he was out of employment and wanted something to do. That he had been in the railway service and in the general lessening of the force had been left out. Mr. Chambliss was sorry, but had no position to offer him. The man replied that he had a wife and had spent his last dollar for bread and simply must have something to do. Mr. Chambliss asked him if he could plow. "No," the man replied, "but I can try." "All right," said Mr. Chambliss. So he took him out to his farm, which was heavy in grass, and put him to work.

Mr. Chambliss says that the man was willing to receive instruction, and developed into the best plow hand he had, and helped him out wonderfully. This spring, when the planting season opened, Mr. Chambliss offered to crop with him as with other tenants. The man was eager for the opportunity and resolute, and as a result of his industry, succeeded in growing a fine crop. On the 1st of June the crop had been gathered and marketed, and Mr. Chambliss says that today this gentleman who last summer came to him without a penny, does not owe a dollar and has \$1,700 in his credit in the bank.

This shows that God's soil, like God himself, is willing to help those who are willing to help themselves.—Ocala Cor Times-Union

## TIPTON-BELCHER

Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock occurred the marriage of Mr. H. R. Tipton of this city to Miss Florine E. Belcher, at the home of the bride's father, W. A. Belcher, at Largo.

The bride is a young lady who is very popular among the young folks of Largo and Clearwater, and is very well known among the people of St. Petersburg, and comes from a prominent family of the west coast.

The bridegroom needs no introduction to the people of St. Petersburg, he being a young man who has grown to manhood in this city, and has served the First National Bank for the past five years with great credit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tipton will make St. Petersburg their future home.—St. Petersburg Independent.

The youthful groom is well known here, having gone from Ocala to St. Petersburg. Hood's Ocala friends wish him much happiness.

The suspension of the work on the government building is only temporary. The supervising architect at Washington is again going over the plans and restoring the columns and a good deal of other ornamental devices which were cut off when the appropriation was reduced. The work of suspension was ordered for fear that the building would get so far along that these additions could not be made without too much expense. It is hoped that the work will be resumed in a short while and will continue without interruption until the building is completed, which will be about a year from this date.

Mr. Valmore Izlar phoned to us yesterday from Anthony saying that a party in Tampa yesterday, while waiting for the train, saw a large spider on one of the grips on the station floor, and kicked at it to kill it, and struck a pistol in the grip which caused the pistol to explode. That the bullet struck a bystander, a Mr. Newsome, immediately over the heart, inflicting a very serious if not fatal wound. Mr. Izlar is representing a New York commission house and is at Anthony inspecting the watermelon fields.

## MEETING OF THE CARD CLUB

The Young Ladies' Card Club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Powers, and a charming two hours was whiled away playing progressive whist at her cozy little home.

The usual compliments of chat, cards and goodies contributed their quota to the general pleasure of the afternoon.

This club is an unusual type and proves the congeniality and good will existing among the members. It has been in existence for some years and in the winter and spring months meets regularly each week. This week closes the history of the club for the season of 1907-08. The club meetings have continued later than usual this year owing to the fact that there were no meetings during the Lenten season.

Mrs. Powers entertained only the club members, Miss Byrd Wartmann and Miss Margaret Ansley being the only visitors present. The club members playing were Mrs. Helvenston, Mrs. Roess, Mrs. Lloyd, Misses Esther Weathers, Meta Jewett, Louise Harris, Valeta Potter, Margaret Taylor, Ethel Robinson and Margaret Eagleton. Quite a number of the club members are already away for the summer months.

After the games Mrs. Powers served peach cream and cakes.

The two prizes were alike and were won by Miss Robinson and Mrs. Helvenston, the former for points and the latter for games. They were beautiful cups and saucers.

## MOONLIGHT PICNIC LAST NIGHT

A jolly crowd of young folks drove out to Silver Springs last night in a big bus, prepared to spend a very charming evening. They left town at six-thirty o'clock and shortly after reaching the springs had their supper, which the young ladies had provided. The supper was a most delicious one.

The balance of the evening was devoted to a ride down the river in the beautiful Merry Widow launch, owned by the Messrs. Mathews.

The party drove home by moonlight and included the following young people: Misses Alice Bullock, Louise Harris, Mattie and Carrie Williams, Pauline Sullivan, Edna Dozier, Valeta Potter, Bessie Porter, Messrs. J. H. Workman, O. B. Howse, E. E. Robinson, Joseph Bell, Harvey Clark, W. D. Taylor and Alfred Beck.

## PICNIC ON THE GOLF LINKS

The Sewing Society of the Baptist church, instead of the regular meeting this week, enjoyed a picnic on the golf links, going out immediately after dinner Wednesday in carriages and automobiles. They carried their lunches and a freezer of cream with them and also their work, and enjoyed the afternoon most thoroughly.

Late in the afternoon Mr. John D. Robertson went out to the links in his automobile and carried cold drinks and other good things for the enjoyment of the ladies, his treat being very much appreciated.

Those who attended this picnic were Mesdames J. D. Robertson, E. H. Mote, William Hocker, L. W. Drival, W. M. Goin, W. T. Gary, DeCamp, Harris, McAteer, Feltham, John F. Thompson and Misses Alice Carlisle, Grace Hatchell and Leafy Sylvester.

The reading club had a very entertaining meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. J. Gerig as the hostess. The western authors and poets were studied and charming selections from their works were read by the various members of the club. Among other authors General Lew Wallace was discussed, and the hostess, being personally acquainted with him and having been entertained at his home told many pleasant reminiscences of his home life. She also presented each of the club members with a piece of the famous birch tree under which General Wallace wrote "Ben Hur," to be used as a paper weight. The club will meet next week with Mrs. Lloyd.

## TURNER'S POND PICNIC

There will be a picnic at Turner's Pond the 26th day of June, 1908. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled baskets. Those who like to dance come and bring their partners and have a good time.

J. D. WILLIAMS.

Mrs. R. D. Thompson is in Lexington, Ky., with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Powell. Her little grandson, Robert Powell, has been very ill for several weeks past and is still quite sick.

## THE PREACHER IN POLITICS

Rev. J. W. Bigham, the ambassador sent out from Jacksonville by the "Ministerial Alliance" to line up the prohibitionist cohorts against one of their own number for an eleventh-hour convert, says that he had rather vote for a Seminole Indian than for Albert W. Gilchrist for governor of Florida.

Mind you, this man is giving advice to those who are to participate in a democratic primary, and the pledge which one takes who participates in the same is that he will support its nominees.

Now, suppose that Albert W. Gilchrist is nominated—as he will be—what is this ambassador of the "Ministerial Alliance" going to do? Is he going to renounce a most solemn pledge and vote for the Seminole Indian?

Is he advising his followers to do so pernicious a thing?

Is this thing possible?

But Rev. Bigham is a transfer from some other section of the universe, about whose antecedents we know very little, if anything; presumably, however, from Kentucky, for in his speech in Ocala he also paid his respects to Editor Watterson, the Sir Rupert of the press gang.

And what did he say of him?

He said he saw him so maudlin, drunk that "he could not spit over his chin."

Yet no other Kentuckian, no other man on the face of the earth, ever saw Mr. Watterson in a like condition.

To Mr. Watterson is ascribed the "father of the mint julep," and his name is inseparably connected with the mint beds of Kentucky, yet Mr. Watterson says that in all his life he never tasted a mint julep.

It just proves that "a lie can trot around the globe while truth is putting on her boots."

But this is what the Rev. Mr. Bigham says.

The Rev. Mr. Boggs is a different type of man and belongs to a different denomination, one that rarely leaves the pulpit for the political forum.

Now, what does he say?

Listen:

"I would cast my vote for a Seminole buck, fresh from the Everglades, before I would help my only brother if he silently accepted such help (the same as Albert Gilchrist is doing). I have two bright boys in Florida; they are gifted, highly educated and honorable. By and by, if they continue as they have begun, they might, I think, aspire to any office in this or any other state. But if I should be living when one or both of them make the attempt, and I did see one or both silently using aid which corrupts the ballot box, please God, I would repudiate my sons for such a foul wrong. I have never yet voted for an African for any public office, but in such a direful extremity, if I should find a tolerably decent African to vote for, I would vote for him rather than for a reprobate son, willing to sacrifice the honor of his state for a paltry fee."

All this rhetoric and volubility against a lifelong friend of the cause he pretends to represent on the trivial assumption of what some one has said that he heard someone else say whose name he does not give when he is requested to do so.

The Rev. Mr. Boggs forsakes Mr. Albert Gilchrist (a lifelong friend of the cause of temperance) for fear that Gilchrist's silence will corrupt the ballot box, yet Gilchrist's record all the while speaking out in thunder tones that ought not to have escaped the acute ear of one who seems to have been on the alert to hear things.

We say that he forsakes General Gilchrist for Mr. Stockton for fear that the sacredness of the ballot box will be destroyed, yet what is Mr. Stockton's record as to the sacredness of the ballot box?

It was given out by Mr. Claude L'Engle four years ago and was made public and is being reprinted for Mr. Boggs' benefit, so that he shall not violate his conscience with his eyes open.

In his newspaper of March 10th, 1904, Mr. L'Engle said:

"In 1892, before the convention which Barrs, Stockton and Broward bolted, Mr. Stockton instructed the writer, who was an inspector in the primary election, to blow out the lamp and upset the ballot box if it looked like things were going against us. The lamp stayed lighted, and the delegates unfriendly to Mr. Stockton and to his at that time political friend, Mr. Porcher L'Engle (the writer's brother), who was a candidate for county judge, were certified to the convention."

"Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

It is also of record that Mr. Stockton, with the aid of a confederate, held up Mr. Gus Hartridge in regular highwayman fashion, making him "hands up" while a search was made of the vehicle he was occupying. Mr. Stockton had conceived the idea that Mr. Hartridge was making way with one of the ballot boxes, yet his suspicions had no other foundation except what may have been reflected from the instructions he had himself given to Inspector L'Engle.

Here is photographed a picture of Mr. Stockton. It is altogether different from the photograph of General Gilchrist given by his neighbors.

One would think that when a minister leaves his pulpit to participate in a primary campaign that his efforts would be to exalt, dignify and purify it by being tolerant and temperate and giving advice with soberness and reflection.

But the reverse of this is found to be true. The preachers who leave the pulpit for the platform usually make an exhibition of the most wild and intemperate speech and show no tolerance or forbearance whatsoever, and proceed on the assumption that they are fighting the devil and furies of hell.

It is history repeating itself. They are the Pharisees preaching on the street corners and public places, themselves sanctified, but proclaiming the other fellow a whited sepulchre of uncleanness.

Christ has left us a photograph of the species.

## THAT MINISTERS' ALLIANCE

Some ministers in Jacksonville, not all, have come together "as citizens" to defeat one candidate now before the democratic primary, and, incidentally, to elect another. One of these candidates stands for local option as to the sale of liquor, and the other promises, as governor, to bring about state prohibition. Because of this difference the alliance asks all good citizens to vote for one candidate and to defeat the other, charging that "bribery, corruption and insobriety" are all on one side. Proofs that all the good is on one side and all the evil on the other might have saved these gentlemen the need of forming an alliance.

But why are we not afforded an example of temperance by these good citizens? Certainly their language is not temperate—it is doubtful if it be even true. Gen. Gilchrist has little to fear and Mr. Stockton less to hope from the advocacy of an alliance that so quickly puts itself in the wrong. But these candidates can look after their own interests, except that when the attention of the press is openly sought, we desire to speak a word for the general public.

Public and authoritative charges have been officially made that grave abuses existed in the administration of municipal affairs in Jacksonville; if this alliance is to act now to conserve public morality and save the children from the dangers of evil example, might we ask why they do not support honesty as well as sobriety? Since bribery is so well worthy of their condemnation in politics might they not give a word or a proclamation to condemn the claim that public funds may become the private property of a politician and a candidate without reproach? Why is political bribery so suddenly condemned in "the saloon element" while nothing is said of such a practice by "the better element"? Is corruption by the saloon worse than by the "good"?

The proclamation of the alliance gives only the chairman and secretary of this association of ministers who descend from the pulpit to serve as citizens. Why not give the names of all these, and why should they return to the pulpit if they find they can discharge their duties better by avowing themselves plain citizens?

In this alliance a branch of the coming civic federation or merely a fraternal association, rejoicing with it in the good work of naming out public officials by combining and construction of issues? Gives us names, please.—St. Augustine Record.

## JOIN THE "BRYAN CLUB"

William S. Jennings, President, Jacksonville, Fla.

I favor the nomination and election of William Jennings Bryan as president of the United States. Enroll my name as a member of the Bryan Club.

(Signed) .....

To the Democratic Voters of Florida: Glad to have you sign and mail the above application of membership in the Bryan Club. J. M. BARRIS, Chairman.